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For: MANAGEMENT OF A NETWORK ELEMENT USING MANAGED OBJECTS IN A  
DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claims:

1. (Twice Amended) A method (100) comprising the steps of:

checking in response to a request ( $RQ = RQ^*$ ) for access to one ( $MO^*$ ) of a plurality of  
managed objects ( $MO1, MO2, MO^*$ ) whether this requested object ( $MO^*$ ) is stored in a memory  
(MEM) (step 110) of a network element connected to a Synchronous Digital Hierarchy (SDH)  
network;

if this requested object ( $MO^*$ ) is not stored in the memory (MEM), checking whether  
there is sufficient memory space to write this object ( $MO^*$ ) into the memory (MEM) (step 120);

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